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In re Application of Kakarala, et al. Application No. 10/001,508 Filed: October 23, 2001 Title: SIGNALING ADAPTIVE-QUANTIZATION MATRICES IN JPEG USING END-OF-BLOCK CODES

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed January 29, 2002 (Certificate of Mailing dated January 25, 2002), to accord the above-identified application a filing date of October 23, 2001, with page 33 of the specification as a part of the original disclosure.

Application papers in the above-identified application were filed on October 23, 2001. However, on December 31, 2001, the Initial Patent Examination Division mailed applicant a "Notice of Omitted Items in a Nonprovisional Application." Applicant was notified that the application papers had been accorded a filing date; however, page 33 of the specification appeared to have been omitted.

In response, on January 29, 2002, applicant filed the present petition to accord a filing date of October 23, 2001, with page 33 as part of the original disclosure. Applicant asserted that page 33 was with the application as originally filed on October 23, 2001. In support thereof, applicant submitted a postcard receipt identifying this application, itemizing "Specification, Claims and Abstract (37 pages)" as enclosed, bearing a United States Patent and Trademark Office date-stamp of October 23, 2001, and lacking any notation of non-receipt of any item listed.

A postcard receipt which itemizes and properly identifies the items which are being filed serves as  $prima\ facie$  evidence of receipt in the Office of all items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the Office. See MPEP 503.

In view thereof, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Notice of Omitted Items is hereby **VACATED**.

Given the basis for granting the petition, the petition fee has been refunded to Deposit Account No. 10-0447.

The file does not indicate a change of address has been submitted, although the address given on the petition differs from the address of record. If appropriate, a change of address should be filed in accordance with MPEP 601.03. A courtesy copy

of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition; however, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

The application is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIPE) for further processing with a <u>filing date of October 23, 2001</u>, using the application papers received in the Office on that date and page 33 of the specification resupplied on petition filed January 29, 2002. Applicant will receive appropriate notifications regarding the fees owed, if any, and other information in due course from OIPE.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to Petitions Attorney Cliff Congo at 703-305-0272.

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